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Gov. Ruth Ann Minner Declares December 26 a State Holiday

Dover– Governor Ruth Ann Minner announced today that December 26 will be an additional holiday for state government and most government offices will be closed that day.

"Our state employees work hard all year to serve the people of Delaware, especially in times like these when budget constraints are forcing us to do more with less," Gov. Minner said. "For that reason, I want to recognize our employees' commitment by allowing them to spend an extra day with their families this holiday season."

The day after Christmas is expected to be a slow business day for the state, and because it falls on the last day of the week, Gov. Minner said it would be more energy efficient for state facilities to remain closed for four straight days.

Employees at 24-hour facilities, such as state hospitals and correctional centers, will report to work. State offices will re-open on Monday, December 29 with normal business hours.